

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An aerosol insect repellent composition, comprising:  
an insect repellent in an amount effective to repel insects  
when applied to the skin; and

a cosmetically-acceptable aerosol vehicle to disperse and  
deliver the insect repellent active, the vehicle having

(i) a VOC component; and

(ii) a non-VOC component,

wherein the VOC component is not greater than about 55 wt.%  
based on the total weight of the composition.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the VOC component  
is about 1 wt.% to about 45 wt.% based on the total weight  
of the composition.

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the VOC component  
is about 1 wt.% to about 35 wt.% based on the total weight of  
the composition.

4. The composition of claim 1, wherein the insect repellent is present at up to about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

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5. The composition of claim 4, wherein the insect repellent is present at about 0.5 wt.% to about 45 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

10 6. The composition of claim 1, wherein the non-VOC component is present at up to about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

15 7. The composition of claim 6, wherein the non-VOC component is present at about 5 wt.% to about 30 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

20 8. The composition of claim 1, wherein the non-VOC component is selected from the group consisting of: polyols, vegetable oils, esters, ethers, fatty alcohols, silicone oils, hydrocarbon oils, water, and any mixtures thereof.

9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the non-VOC component comprises water in an amount up to about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

5 10. The composition of claim 9, wherein the water is present in an amount about 5 wt.% to about 40 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

10 11. The composition of claim 9, wherein the water is present in an amount about 10 wt.% to about 30 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

15 12. The composition of claim 1, wherein the VOC component comprises an alcohol having 1 to 8 carbon atoms in an amount about 1 wt.% to about 40 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

20 13. The composition of claim 1, further comprising an ingredient selected from the group consisting of one or more sunscreens, film formers, and mixtures thereof.

14. The composition of claim 13, wherein the sunscreen is about 1 wt.% to about 35 wt.%, based on the total weight of the composition.

15. The composition of claim 13, wherein the film former is about 0.1 wt.% to about 10 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

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*swa2* 16. The composition of claim 1, wherein the VOC component comprises a propellant in an amount about 5 wt.% to about 20 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

10 17. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 40 wt.% of water, about 1 wt.% to about 55 wt.% of a VOC component, about 0.5 wt.% to about 45 wt.% of an insect repellent, and about 5 wt.% to about 30 wt.% of a non-VOC component other than water, based on the total  
15 weight of the composition.

*swa3* 18. The composition of claim 17, wherein the VOC component comprises about 1 wt.% to about 25 wt.% of a propellant.

20 19. The composition of claim 18, wherein the VOC component further comprises about 5 wt.% to about 30 wt.% of an alcohol having 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

20. A method of repelling insects from skin comprising spraying on the skin the aerosol composition of claim 1.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the VOC component is about 1 wt.% to about 45 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

*Summary* 22. The method of claim 20, wherein the insect repellent is present in an amount up to about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition, and wherein the non-VOC component is present in an amount up to about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein the vehicle further comprises water in an amount about 5 wt.% to about 40 wt.% based on the total weight of the composition.

24. The method of claim 20, wherein the vehicle further comprises up to about 30 wt.% of a propellant.

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